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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
YASUMI UCHIDA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: ROGERS, J. M.
SERIAL NO: 10/561,814 :
FILED: DECEMBER 21, 2005 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1612
FOR: EXTERNAL PREPARATION FOR :
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RESPONSE TO THE REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

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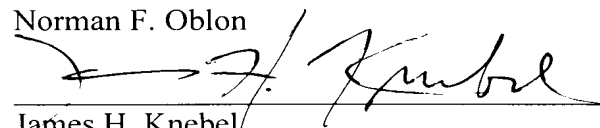
SIR:

In response to the Requirement for Restriction mailed February 28, 2008, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I: Claims 1-12 drawn to a composition comprising a prostaglandin I₂ derivative. As species, Applicants elect 4,8-inter-m-phenylenePGI₂ derivative of Claim 3 and hydrophilic petrolatum of Claim 7. Be advised, however, that 4,8-inter-m-phenylenePGI₂ derivative comprises beraprost sodium of Claim 4 as described on page 7 of the specification.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and early notice of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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